

GRAHAM'S FAREWELL TO EL PASO IS VICTORY WITH 16 STRIKEOUTS

Army League Star Shows Headwork Against Strong Fourth Artillery Nine and Allows But Five Hits; Kroniger Also Shines; Umpire Kane's Decisions Fail to Find Unanimous Approval.

CLAUDE GRAHAM'S farewell to El Paso took the form of a victory for the 20th Infantry, with Graham, on the rubber, over the Fourth Field artillery, at Rio Grande park on Sunday afternoon, the score being 10 to 5. That the El Paso fans want baseball was shown by the fact that the grand stand was packed and the bleachers were filled by an enthusiastic crowd which rooted hard, roared the umpire, "hooked" the bad plays and applauded the good ones. It was a typical happy baseball crowd.

For a time, it looked as if Fritz Kroniger, star sidearm heater of the artillery, would be victorious over the youngster, who is to get his professional tryout with the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast league. Fritz had speed to burn in the early innings. His hook was working in good style and there wasn't a semblance of a hit off him until the fourth. But Kroniger's style of delivery is effective for a full game only when the pitcher is in superb physical condition, and Fritz wasn't prepared to go nine innings at top speed on Sunday. He tired and the heavy hitters of the infantry team came to Graham's relief, pounding out a victory through timely hits.

Plenty of Excitement.
There was enough excitement in the game to satisfy the critical fans. From a baseball standpoint, the game was good when the weather conditions are considered. A standstill blow all afternoon and delayed play considerably, the game taking nearly two and a half hours.

Umpire Harry Kane has not yet had his spring training, and, consequently, some of his decisions were a bit shaky. His work on balls and strikes was fairly good but it was the base decisions over which the fans kicked up the most fuss. The first real kick came in the second inning and the decision led to the fourth getting three runs. It all hinged on whether a player, given a

Graham's Record In Last Amateur Game

In his farewell game in El Paso, pitcher Claude Graham, who leaves Wednesday to join the Los Angeles team of the Coast league—
—won his game, 10 to 5.
—fanned 16 men.
—batted one base.
—struck out last five men to face him.
—failed to get a hit off Kroniger.
—was fanned twice.
—reached first twice on fielders' choices.
—allowed only one hit in last six innings.
—allowed five hits in the game.
—proved cool under fire in second inning.
—retired opponents in order in six innings.

Bacon made his debut behind the bat for the Fourth and he looks good. He has a good throwing arm and proved himself handy with the stick. He was the only player, Kroniger excepted, whom Graham failed to fan and in Kroniger's case there is some question about the second inning decision, which some would credit as a strikeout for Graham and allow the runner to reach first in the case with a dropped third strike.

Hoppler Plays Baseball, Too.
John Hoppler, who is some football star—if your memory goes back to the border championship—played second base in good style for the Fourth. He had two errors but both were hard chances.

"Souders pulled the star out of field play in the eighth inning when he backed up almost to the boards for a high, one-handed stab of Kroniger's long foul. Sheridan's stunt of a running, one-hand stab of Souders' line drive, in the sixth inning, was the real fielding feature of the game and as pretty a play as has ever been seen at Rio Grande park. Sheridan tumbled as he caught the ball but retained his hold and came up with it.

The box score follows:
20th Infantry, AL. R. H. PO. A. E.
Hood, 2b..... 4 1 0 0 0 0
Buchanan, 1b..... 4 1 0 0 0 0
Graham, p..... 5 0 0 0 0 0
Souders, rf..... 4 1 0 0 0 0
Sheridan, cf..... 4 1 0 0 0 0
Longmire, lf..... 4 1 0 0 0 0
Hamilton, 3b..... 4 1 0 0 0 0
Kroniger, c..... 4 0 0 0 0 0
McCracken, c..... 4 0 0 0 0 0
Totals..... 35 10 10 27 0 0

Fourth Artillery, AL. R. H. PO. A. E.
Jones, 1b..... 4 0 0 0 0 0
Schultz, rf..... 4 0 0 0 0 0
Campana, 2b..... 4 0 0 0 0 0
Hoppler, 3b..... 4 0 0 0 0 0
Sheridan, cf..... 4 1 0 0 0 0
Bacon, lf..... 4 0 0 0 0 0
Henderson, 3b..... 4 0 0 0 0 0
Leatherby, c..... 4 0 0 0 0 0
Kroniger, p..... 4 0 0 0 0 0
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Summary: Three base hits, Buchanan, Souders, 2b; Head, stolen bases, Schultz, Leatherby, 3; Kroniger, Henderson, Longmire, 2; Hamilton, 1; Souders, 1; by Graham, 1; first base on balls, off Kroniger, 5; off Graham, 1; hit by pitched ball, by Kroniger, 1 (Head, Souders); wild pitches, Graham, Kroniger, passed balls, Bacon, McCracken, first base on error, 20th 2. Fourth 1; left on bases, 20th 2; time of game, 2:25; umpire H. Kane.

A REAL SURPRISE

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"Beck's" Amen Corner

BY "BECK."

TOO bad the City Basketball league has "gone up" but the prospects of a series between the Cactus club and the First National teams will be cheering news for the fans. When pink teas and dances begin to interfere with a basketball schedule, it's quite time to cut out the basketball.

NEW YORK robbers got a big bunch of money from a mail wagon the other day. The loot was estimated at \$50,000. They must have been figuring on going to the Moran-Willard fight and buying a gallery seat.

CLAUDE GRAHAM showed some real headwork in his baseball pitching at Rio Grande park on Sunday. The youngster was really "under fire" in the second inning but he came back like a veteran and if he fails to make good with the Angels it is a certainty that he will find plenty of jobs offering. Graham looks even better than he did last season and he has a fair chance of sticking in the Coast circuit. Here's wishing him luck.

BIG LEAGUE managers, as a general rule, never like to tell of the players they passed up who afterwards became stars. Hugh Jennings, of the Tigers, is an exception. He comes out quite frankly and says that he passed up a chance to buy Nap Rucker for \$500; wouldn't give Walter Johnson a trial and lost a chance last year to sign Nehf, "who was a star in the big timber last fall." "I just can't judge pitching material," says Jennings.

WRITING baseball history is getting to be a great winter pastime with the big league stars. During the past few months we have had stories by Eddie Collins, Christy Mathewson, Honus Wagner, Ty Cobb, Joe Tinker, and a score of others with the result that the fans are being fed up with an overdose of baseball.

EL PASOANS who were inclined for sport certainly had a variety offered them on Sunday. There was baseball at Rio Grande park, polo at Washington park, trapshooting on the Pass City Gun club's traps, golf and tennis at the El Paso Country club, soccer at Camp Cotton. Saturday night's basketball was called off or there would have been another weekend attraction. And there were a dozen or more amateur baseball games in various parts of the city. No place to go? Wake up!

RALPH DE PALMA, auto road racing champion for several years, is now a manufacturer. He is turning out airplane motors. The next thing we know, Ralph will be going after speed records in biplanes.

BASEBALL is going to get support here this season if Sunday's attendance is any criterion. While the crowds turned out strong for Graham's farewell, there was also a big attendance from the city. Incidentally, the fine music by the Fourth artillery band should not be overlooked. That, in itself, was some attraction and it was greatly appreciated.

CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE DEAD? LAST GAMES MAY NOT BE PLAYED

High School Forfeits Game to Walz Team, Preferring to Go to a Dance; the Many Postponements Have Disappointed Fans and Reduced Attendance at Games; Cactus Team Makes the Strongest Showing.

BY "BECK."

THE City Basketball league has passed away. At least, that much can be assumed, though the formal obituary has yet to be observed. A week ago, the High school arranged to play the Walz team on Saturday night, taking the place of the game forfeited by the Millers to the Cactus club. Some one arranged a dance for

Saturday night and the Tigers preferred the dance to scrambling around the gymnasium. They tried to arrange a postponement with the Walz team, but when objection was raised they said they would forfeit.

The league rules stipulate that a team may forfeit two games without losing its "cut" in the gate receipts for the season. The "H" has still two games to play.

The Cactus team is composed nearly altogether of youths who played football. They started basketball practice right at the close of the football season, which ran unusually late. There was no real break in the training and this has caused some of the players to get a bit restless. Moreover, interest at the school slackened from the night the Feldmans took the measure of the Tigers in a sensational game.

The Feldmans suffered through the loss of a couple of players who left town and the inability of others to attend practices. The Walz team lost Race and the guard division was weakened. Hardly had the league started when three of the Millers' players left town and that team has never had the same lineup two games in succession.

Cactus Team Is Strong.
The Cactus club has gone through the season with a corking good team. The (Continued on Next Page.)

Here's Disputed Play; Was Umpire Correct?

Here's the disputed play in the second inning of Sunday's baseball game at Rio Grande park:

Fourth artillery at bat. Hoppler, first up, fanned. Sheridan singled to right. Bacon doubled to left, Sheridan going to third. Baugh was thrown out at first by Buchanan. Sheridan scoring on the play. Leatherby walked. Leatherby stole second. Kroniger at bat. Two strikes, three balls on him. Graham's next offering was fast and low. Kroniger swung at it and the ball got past McCracken, hitting the stand.

Kroniger turned and walked leisurely to the bench back of first base. He picked up his sweater and was putting it on. Then he saw McCracken had not retrieved ball and jogged out to first. Bacon and Leatherby had left their bags but ran back and both ran home. Kroniger beat the ball to first. Kane called it a ball, giving Kroniger a walk, and a passed ball, awarding bases, runners a base. This let Bacon score and kept Leatherby at third. On delayed double steal, Leatherby scored. Kroniger getting to third. Kroniger scored on a wild pitch. Jones fanned.

Was Kroniger out for leaving the base-line?

walk, can saunter over to the dugout and wait a moment before going to first base. Kane evidently ruled that he can. The 20th couldn't see it that way and a real tumpus appeared to be brewing for a short time. However, the incident is detailed elsewhere on this page.

Several new players made their appearance in the game. Chief interest attached itself to Benjamin, touted as a real wonder from Douglas. "Becky" is sadly overrated. He crowds the first bag and forces the runners off the

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Turner Is a Great Pinch Hitter Always Rises To Occasion of Need

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Terry Turner has been in the big leagues for 12 years. Only once has he hit over .300. His grand average for those 12 seasons is around .260, yet Turner ranks as one of the most dangerous hitters in the game, simply because he has the most uncanny knack of exuding safe blows in critical moments.

With the bases unpeopled, the chances of Turner hitting "where the ain't" are almost nil. But put a man in any of the sockets, and then "Cotton Top" to the plate. What happens? Well, ask the bulk of pitchers who have worked against Turner in the years that have gone.

"Turner has the marvelous power of hitting just when his score runs or advances the bases and he has the power to hit a home run," declared "Wild Bill" Donovan, a brief steel back. And if anybody ought to know who's who in baseball, it's this Donovan, a person who spent the major portion of his boyhood and young manhood in the same league where Turner operates now.

An Unsung Hero.
Turner's great work as a diamond athlete has been appreciated less than that of any other man who has trodden in the national pastime. This season marks his fifth as a big tent showman, yet little comment is made over it. Only a few men such as Wagner, Mathewson, Crawford, Lajoie, Tinker, Evers, Brown and Plank have exhibited over a longer sweep of years.

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RAY-HAYDEN DISTRICT REORGANIZES ITS LEAGUE
Ray, Ariz., March 6.—The baseball league which stirred up so much excitement in the Ray and Hayden districts is being reorganized. There will be four strong teams in the league this year. For Superior has decided to go in. Ray will have one team, the Hayden mill one and the Hayden saw one. Herb Hecker is to manage the Ray team once more. C. P. Arbogast, who caught for Hecker last season, has gone over to Hayden to lead the Millers.

"Spot" MacMurdo, first baseman for Tucson in the Rio Grande league, is to manage the Smelter team. All Pittman, who played the outfield for Phoenix in Rio Grande days and later was with Ray, is to be the Connie Mack of Superior.



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